

New JTF-CS building taking shape

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FORT EUSTIS, Va. – Joint Task Force – Civil Support is one step closer to moving 22 miles to its new home on Fort Eustis.

The much-anticipated move has been in the works since the announcement of Fort Monroe's closure under the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Plan.

The new two-story headquarters building is under construction and will feature about 63,000 square feet of office space. JTF-CS leaders toured the work site with officials from the Corps of Engineers June 22 to examine the progress on the new facility.

"A lot of hard work has gone into this," said Maj. Gen. Daniel Long, JTF-CS commanding general. "I'm extremely pleased with these facilities."

JTF-CS' new home is at the intersection of Jackson and Madison avenues on Fort Eustis. The new facility will consolidate all of the command under one roof and will

accommodate the 260 members of JTF-CS.

Work started on the new \$11 million facility on March 1 and is moving forward to meet the anticipated August 2011 move in date. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Norfolk District Office is overseeing construction of the project.

"While one of our smaller construction projects, it's one that's important to our nation's needs," said Jon Jones, project manager for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Norfolk District office, whose office is overseeing construction efforts on several other projects on Fort Eustis.

At Fort Monroe, JTF-CS is spread out in four different buildings with a total area of nearly 47,000 square feet. Building 96, the main administrative hub for the command, is a former elementary school built in the 1950s and converted specifically for JTF-CS in 2003.

JTF-CS was established in 1999 in order to meet the needs of military planners and headquarters command elements that lead these forces. Joint Task Force – Civil Support is a subordinate command of U.S. Northern Command, a unified combatant command formed to plan, organize and execute both homeland defense and civil support missions.

The commander of U.S. Army North serves as the

Joint Force Land Component Command commander and has operational control of JTF-CS.

JTF-CS plans and integrates Department of Defense support to the designated primary agency for domestic consequence management operations in response to catastrophic chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and high-yield explosive incidents.

When directed, JTF-CS deploys to an incident site, establishes command and control of DoD forces, and provides military assistance and support to civil authorities to save lives, prevent further injury and provide temporary critical support to enable community recovery.

JTF-CS is the nation's only standing CBRNE joint task force. It is comprised of active, reserve and National Guard members from the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines and Coast Guard as well as civilian and contract personnel.



Photo by Cmdr. Matt Tucker, JTF-CS

FORT EUSTIS, Va. – Steel beams rise above the foundation June 22 of the new Joint Task Force – Civil Support Headquarters facility being constructed on Fort Eustis, Va. The 63,000 square-foot facility will accommodate the 260 members of JTF-CS. Construction for the facility is slated for completion in May 2011.



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U.S. Navy Cmdr. Matt Tucker, command engineer for JTF-CS, explains building details June 22 to Maj. Gen. Daniel Long, commander of JTF-CS, on the building site of the new headquarters being constructed.